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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GOODENOUGH et al. (Queries and Their Application to Reasoning with Remote Sensing and GIS) in view of DRUTMAN et al. (Marine Geophysics Modeling With Geographic Information Systems), and further in view of Alexander (6,083,353).

As per claim 1, Goodenough teaches the claimed "method of obtaining a map in a computer graphics program" comprising: "receiving a request for a map picture" (Goodenough, the query to request a map that shows the forest depletion over past 20 years; page 1201, column 2, lines 55-58); "obtaining a map file in response to the request" (Goodenough, a map file comprises the GIS files of the desired site dated 20 years ago, the thematic mapper (TM) and color infra-red geocoded imagery over the site; page 1201, column 2, lines 60-62); "determining, from the map file, a location of map data" (Goodenough, to determine the location of the map data related to the areas representing depleted forest cover; page 1201, column 2, lines 64-66), "wherein the map data defines one or more map objects of the map picture" (Goodenough, the depleted forest cover is the map object of the map picture; page 1201, column 2, lines 64-66); and "obtaining the map data from the location, wherein the obtained map data

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satisfies the request for the map picture" (Goodenough, the data from the thematic mapper is obtained to satisfy the request for the map showing the forest depletion over past 20 years; page 1203, column 1, lines 11-12). It is noted that although Goodenough teaches the GIS data in both of raster and vector formats (Abstract, lines 1-3); Goodenough does not explicitly teach that the obtained map data is "vector based" map data. However, Drutman teaches that the feature map information, such as Goodenough's depleted forest data, is preferably represented in vector based format (Drutman, representation of feature/attribute; Table II, page III-529). Furthermore, Alexander teaches that a map file containing vector-based objects defines a specific object on the map can be obtained from the Internet or World Wide Web which communicates through Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) (Alexander, column 1, lines 25-28 and the communication device 26 in figure 3, column 12, lines 29-33 or column 5, lines 57-65). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30) in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs for communicating in World Wide Web (Alexander, connection of the system to Internet, column 12, lines 29-33). The motivation for storing the map representing the objects in a vector format in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs is the simplicity of map file with its vector-based objects communicated through their URLs and the richness of resource provided in the Internet (Alexander, column 5, lines 57-65).

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S ARGUMENTS.

Applicant's arguments filed June 6, 2005 have been fully considered but they are mooted due to the new ground of rejection. Specifically, Alexander teaches the use of Uniform resource Locators (URLs) to define the address of data storage location for vector-based information in the Internet or World Wide Web (Alexander, column 1, lines 25-28 and the communication device 26 in figure 3, column 12, lines 29-33 or column 5, lines 57-65).

Claim 2 adds into claim 1 "wherein only the map data required to satisfy the request is obtained" which Goodenough teaches in the obtain of the depleted forest cover (Goodenough, the data from the thematic mapper is obtained to satisfy the request for the map showing the forest depletion over past 20 years; page 1203, column 1, lines 11-12). It is noted that although Goodenough teaches the GIS data in both of raster and vector formats (Abstract, lines 1-3); Goodenough does not explicitly teach that the obtained map data is "vector based" map data. However, Drutman teaches that the feature map information, such as Goodenough's depleted forest area, is preferal bly represented in vector based format (Drutman, representation of feature/attribute; Table II, page III-529). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format because the vector based data for the features or attributes

of an area provides more convenient process than the raster format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30).

Claim 3 adds into claim 1 "displaying the map picture" which Goodenough does not explicitly teach. However, Drutman teaches in the commands in plan A for displaying the requested image of the map showing the forest depletion over past 20 years (depletion-overlay(Site,Time); page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by display the map representing the area's features because the visual representation of data on a screen enhances the understanding of user to the meaning of information (Drutman, page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63).

Claim 4 adds into claim 1 "the vector based map data is obtained from a map server across a network connection" which the references of Goodenough, and Drutman do not teach. However, Alexander teaches that a map file containing vector-based objects defines a specific object on the map can be obtained from the Internet or World Wide Web which communicates through Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) (Alexander, column 1, lines 25-28 and the communication device 26 in figure 3, column 12, lines 29-33 or column 5, lines 57-65). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of

Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30) in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs for communicating in World Wide Web (Alexander, connection of the system to Internet, column 12, lines 29-33). The motivation for storing the map representing the objects in a vector format in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs is the simplicity of map file with its vector-based objects communicated through their URLs and the richness of resource provided in the Internet (Alexander, column 5, lines 57-65).

Claim 5 adds into claim 1 "creating the map file" which Goodenough teaches in the creating and saving a file of the map that shows the forest depletion over past 20 years (save-map(forest-depletion-cover-level); page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63).

Claim 6 adds into claim 1 "setting map display properties and a level of interaction" which Goodenough teaches in the settings of display properties and levels in a file of the map! that shows the forest depletion over past 20 years (set-level(forest-level); page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63, segment(color_ir_image); and label segment(color-ir-image), page 1203, column 1, lines 6-7).

Claim 7 adds into claim 1 "wherein the claim steps are performed by a browser plug-in" which both of Goodenough and Drutman do not teach. However, Alexander teaches that a map file containing vector-based objects defines a specific

object on the map can be obtained from the Internet or World Wide Web which communicates through Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) (Alexander, column 1, lines 25-28 and the communication device 26 in figure 3, column 12, lines 29-33 or column 5, lines 57-65). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30) in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs for communicating in World Wide Web (Alexander, connection of the system to Internet, column 12, lines 29-33). The motivation for storing the map representing the objects in a vector format in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs is the simplicity of map file with its vector-based objects communicated through their URLs and the richness of resource provided in the Internet (Alexander, column 5, lines 57-65).

As per claim 8, Goodenough teaches the claimed "apparatus for obtaining a map computer-implemented graphics system" comprising "(a) a computer" (Goodenough, the SEIDAM intelligent system; page 1199, column 1, lines 41-46); "(b) an application executing on the computer" (Goodenough, the problem solver is written in Prolog; page 1203, column 1, lines 32-34), wherein the application is configured to: "receive a request for a map picture" (Goodenough, the query to request a map that shows the forest depletion over past 20 years; page 1201, column 2, lines 55-58); "obtain a map

file" (Goodenough, a map file comprises the GIS files of the desired site dated 20 years ago, the thematic mapper (TM) and color infra-red geocoded imagery over the site: page 1201, column 2, lines 60-62); "determine, from the map file, a storage location of map data" (Goodenough, to determine the location of the map data related to the areas representing depleted forest cover; page 1201, column 2, lines 64-66), "wherein the map data defines one or more map objects of the map picture" (Goodenough, the depleted forest cover is the map object of the map picture; page 1201, column 2, lines 64-66); and "obtain the map data from the location, wherein the obtained map data satisfies the request for the map picture" (Goodenough, the data from the thematic mapper is obtained to satisfy the request for the map showing the forest depletion over past 20 years; page 1203, column 1, lines 11-12). It is noted that although Goodenough teaches the GIS data in both of raster and vector formats (Abstract, lines 1-3); Goodenough does not explicitly teach that the obtained map data is "vector based" map data. However, Drutman teaches that the feature map information, such as Goodenough's depleted forest area, is preferably represented in vector based format (Drutman, representation of feature/att! ribute; Table II, page III-529). Furthermore, Alexander teaches that a map file containing vector-based objects defines a specific object on the map can be obtained from the Internet or World Wide Web which communicates through Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) (Alexander, column 1, lines 25-28 and the communication device 26 in figure 3, column 12, lines 29-33 or column 5, lines 57-65). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to

configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30) in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs for communicating in World Wide Web (Alexander, connection of the system to Internet, column 12, lines 29-33). The motivation for storing the map representing the objects in a vector format in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs is the simplicity of map file with its vector-based objects communicated through their URLs and the richness of resource provided in the Internet (Alexander, column 5, lines 57-65).

Claim 9 adds into claim 8 "wherein only the map data required to satisfy the request is obtained" which Goodenough teaches in the obtain of the depleted forest cover (Goodenough, the data from the thematic mapper is obtained to satisfy the request for the map showing the forest depletion over past 20 years; page 1203, column 1, lines 11-12). It is noted that although Goodenough teaches the GIS data in both of raster and vector formats (Abstract, lines 1-3); Goodenough does not explicitly teach that the obtained map data is "vector based" map data. However, Drutman teaches that the feature map information, such as Goodenough's depleted forest area, is prefera! bly represented in vector based format (Drutman, representation of feature/attribute; Table II, page III-529). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format because the vector based data for the features or attributes

of an area provides more convenient process than the raster format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30).

Claim 10 adds into claim 8 "displaying the map picture" which Goodenough does not explicitly teach. However, Drutman teaches in the commands in plan A for displaying the requested image of the map showing the forest depletion over past 20 years (depletion-overlay(Site,Time); page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by display the map representing the area's features because the visual representation of data on a screen enhances the understanding of user to the meaning of information (Drutman, page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63).

Claim 11 adds into claim 8 "the vector based map data is obtained from a map server across a network connection" which both of Goodenough and Drutman do not teach. However, Alexander teaches that a map file containing vector-based objects defines a specific object on the map can be obtained from the Internet or World Wide Web which communicates through Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) (Alexander, column 1, lines 25-28 and the communication device 26 in figure 3, column 12, lines 29-33 or column 5, lines 57-65). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and

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Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30) in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs for communicating in World Wide Web (Alexander, connection of the system to Internet, column 12, lines 29-33). The motivation for storing the map representing the objects in a vector format in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs is the simplicity of map file with its vector-based objects communicated through their URLs and the richness of resource provided in the Internet (Alexander, column 5, lines 57-65).

Claim 12 adds into claim 8 "creating the map file" which Goodenough teaches in the creating and saving a file of the map that shows the forest depletion over past 20 years (save-map(forest-depletion-cover-level); page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63).

Claim 13 adds into claim 8 "setting map display properties and a level of interaction" which Goodenough teaches in the settings of display properties and levels in a file of the map! that shows the forest depletion over past 20 years (set-level(forest-level); page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63, segment(color_ir_image); and label segment(color-ir-image), page 1203, column 1, lines 6-7).

Claim 14 adds into claim 8 "wherein the claim steps are performed by a browser plug-in" which both of Goodenough and Drutman do not teach. However, Alexander

teaches that a map file containing vector-based objects defines a specific object on the map can be obtained from the Internet or World Wide Web which communicates through Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) (Alexander, column 1, lines 25-28 and the communication device 26 in figure 3, column 12, lines 29-33 or column 5, lines 57-65). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30) in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs for communicating in World Wide Web (Alexander, connection of the system to Internet, column 12, lines 29-33). The motivation for storing the map representing the objects in a vector format in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs is the simplicity of map file with its vector-based objects communicated through their URLs and the richness of resource provided in the Internet (Alexander, column 5, lines 57-65).

As per claim 15, Goodenough teaches the claimed "article of manufacture embodying logic that causes a computer-implemented graphics system to obtain a map" comprising: "receiving a request for a map picture" (Goodenough, the query to request a map that shows the forest depletion over past 20 years; page 1201, column 2, lines 55-58); "obtaining a map file" (Goodenough, a map file comprises the GIS files of the desired site dated 20 years ago, the thematic mapper (TM) and color infra-red

geocoded imagery over the site; page 1201, column 2, lines 60-62); "determining, from the map file, a storage location of map data" (Goodenough, to determine the location of the map data related to the areas representing depleted forest cover; page 1201, column 2, lines 64-66), "wherein the map data defines one or more map objects of the map picture" (Goodenough, the depleted forest cover is the map object of the map picture; page 1201, column 2, lines 64-66); and "obtaining the map data from the location, wherein the obtained map data satisfies the request for the map picture" (Goodenough, the data from the thematic mapper is obtained to satisfy the request for the map showing the forest depletion over past 20 years; page 1203, column 1, lines 11-12). It is noted that although Goodenough teaches the GIS data in both of raster and vector formats (Abstract, lines 1-3); Goodenough does not explicitly teach that the obtained map data is "vector based" map data. However, Drutman teaches that the feature map information, such as Goodenough's depleted forest area, is preferably represented in vector based format (Drutman, representation of feature/att! ribute; Table II, page III-529). Furthermore, Alexander teaches that a map file containing vectorbased objects defines a specific object on the map can be obtained from the Internet or World Wide Web which communicates through Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) (Alexander, column 1, lines 25-28 and the communication device 26 in figure 3, column 12, lines 29-33 or column 5, lines 57-65). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format (Drutman, page III-528, column

2, lines 28-30) in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs for communicating in World Wide Web (Alexander, connection of the system to Internet, column 12, lines 29-33). The motivation for storing the map representing the objects in a vector format in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs is the simplicity of map file with its vector-based objects communicated through their URLs and the richness of resource provided in the Internet (Alexander, column 5, lines 57-65).

Claim 16 adds into claim 15 "wherein only the map data required to satisfy the request is obtained" which Goodenough teaches in the obtain of the depleted forest cover (Goodenough, the data from the thematic mapper is obtained to satisfy the request for the map showing the forest depletion over past 20 years; page 1203, column 1, lines 11-12). It is noted that although Goodenough teaches the GIS data in both of raster and vector formats (Abstract, lines 1-3); Goodenough does not explicitly teach that the obtained map data is "vector based" map data. However, Drutman teaches that the feature map information, such as Goodenough's depleted forest area, is preferal bly represented in vector based format (Drutman, representation of feature/attribute; Table II, page III-529). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format because the vector based data for the features or attributes of an area provides more convenient process than the raster format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30).

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Claim 17 adds into claim 15 "displaying the map picture" which Goodenough does not explicitly teach. However, Drutman teaches in the commands in plan A for displaying the requested image of the map showing the forest depletion over past 20 years (depletion-overlay(Site,Time); page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by display the map representing the area's features because the visual representation of data on a screen enhances the understanding of user to the meaning of information (Drutman, page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63).

Claim 18 adds into claim 15 "the vector based map data is obtained from a map server across a network connection" which both of Goodenough and Drutman do not teach. However, Alexander teaches that a map file containing vector-based objects defines a specific object on the map can be obtained from the Internet or World Wide Web which communicates through Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) (Alexander, column 1, lines 25-28 and the communication device 26 in figure 3, column 12, lines 29-33 or column 5, lines 57-65). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map

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representing the area's features in a vector format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30) in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs for communicating in World Wide Web (Alexander, connection of the system to Internet, column 12, lines 29-33). The motivation for storing the map representing the objects in a vector format in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs is the simplicity of map file with its vector-based objects communicated through their URLs and the richness of resource provided in the Internet (Alexander, column 5, lines 57-65).

Claim 19 adds into claim 15 "creating the map file" which Goodenough teaches in the creating and saving a file of the map that shows the forest depletion over past 20 years (save-map(forest-depletion-cover-level); page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63).

Claim 20 adds into claim 15 "setting map display properties and a level of interaction" which Goodenough teaches in the settings of display properties and levels in a file of the map! that shows the forest depletion over past 20 years (set-level(forest-level); page 1202, column 1, lines 54-63, segment(color_ir_image); and label segment(color-ir-image), page 1203, column 1, lines 6-7).

Claim 21 adds into claim 15 "wherein the claim steps are performed by a browser plug-in" which both of Goodenough and Drutman do not teach. However, Alexander teaches that a map file containing vector-based objects defines a specific object on the map can be obtained from the Internet or World Wide Web which communicates

through Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) (Alexander, column 1, lines 25-28 and the communication device 26 in figure 3, column 12, lines 29-33 or column 5, lines 57-65). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, in view of the teaching of Drutman and Alexander, to configure Goodenough's method as claimed by storing the map representing the area's features in a vector format (Drutman, page III-528, column 2, lines 28-30) in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs for communicating in World Wide Web (Alexander, connection of the system to Internet, column 12, lines 29-33). The motivation for storing the map representing the objects in a vector format in a location in memory identifiable by its URLs is the simplicity of map file with its vector-based objects communicated through their URLs and the richness of resource provided in the Internet (Alexander, column 5, lines 57-65).

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